

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN TOM ZOOK**, on February 17, 2003 at 5:15 P.M., in Room 303 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Tom Zook, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Bill Tash, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Keith Bales (R)  
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)  
Sen. John Esp (R)  
Sen. Royal Johnson (R)  
Sen. Rick Laible (R)  
Sen. Bea McCarthy (D)  
Sen. Linda Nelson (D)  
Sen. Debbie Shea (D)  
Sen. Corey Stapleton (R)  
Sen. Emily Stonington (D)  
Sen. Jon Tester (D)  
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Edward Butcher (R)  
Sen. John Cobb (R)  
Sen. Mike Cooney (D)  
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)  
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary  
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Branch

**Please Note.** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted:  
Executive Action: SB 243; SB 61

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 243**

**CHAIRMAN ZOOK** read from the audit report concerning SB 243, **SEN. WHEAT'S** bill creating the enterprise account. He read the recommendation, "to achieve compliance with state law and general accounting principles, the board should seek legislation to place the Affordable Housing Revolving Loan Account in the Enterprise Fund."

**Motion/Vote:** **SEN. TROPILA** moved that SB 243 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously.

**CHAIRMAN ZOOK** stated the fiscal analyst pointed out there was no fiscal note, but he felt it was just part of a revolving fund.

**Taryn Purdy, Legislative Services**, advised the bill was the result of **REP. RON ERICKSON'S** bill to add some TANF money into this account. They actually only spent about \$20,000 so that would be the impact to HB 2. About \$20,000 would come out of HB 2 and then approximately \$270,000 or so would be in the enterprise account.

**Motion:** **SEN. JON TESTER** moved to table SB 61.

**SEN. RICK LAIBLE** referred to the discussion on SB 30. He wanted to reconsider SB 30 to talk about why the bill is in Finance.

**Motion:** **SEN. LAIBLE** moved SB 30 be reconsidered.

**CHAIRMAN ZOOK** advised in fairness, to wait until a time when all members are present.

**SEN. LAIBLE** withdrew the motion.

**SEN. TESTER** advised that **SEN. GREG BARKUS** pointed out the computer program that develops the status on the bills can't handle a table.

**Motion:** **SEN. TESTER** moved to reconsider the tabling motion on SB 61.

**Vote:** Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion/Vote:** **SEN. TESTER** moved that SB 61 BE INDEFINITELY POSTPONED. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:15 P.M.

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SEN. TOM ZOOK, Chairman

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PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT** (fcs35aad)